In view of the above. IOC does not plan to set up any LNG terminal at Krishnapatanam.

LPG agencies in district Headquarters

†3277. SHRI DILIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that not even a single distribution agency for arranging distribution of LPG in some district Headquarters in the country was allotted as on 31st March, 2005;

(b) if so, the names of districts allotted with distribution agencies during the year 2005-06 out of the said districts;

(c) whether any action has been taken for allotting distribution agency in the remaining districts; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) and (b) As on 31.3.2005, 16 district headquarter towns in the country did not have any LPG distributorships of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs). Out of these, 2 district headquarter towns, namely, Sindhudurg Nagri, District-Sindhudurg, Maharashtra and Mongon, District-North Sikkim, Sikkim are not viable for sustaining an independent distributorship and are being serviced by the nearby LPG distributors.

Out of the remaining 14 district headquarter towns, 2 distributorships of Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) were commissioned during the year 2005-06 as per details below.

SI. No.	State	District	District Headquarter
1.	Arunachal Pradesh	Dibang Valley	Anni
2.	Sikkim	South Sikkim	Namchi

(c) and (d) OMCs supply domestic LPG through their distribution network and have the freedom to set up LPG distributorships at Viable locations as per their commercial considerations. The setjing up of LPG distributorships is a continuous process and involves identification of suitable locations, arranging land for setting up of godown, obtaining various statutory clearances, etc.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

OMCs have reported that the cases for setting up of LPG distributorships at the balance 12 district headquarter locations are at various stages.

Allotment of Kerosene to Uttar Pradesh

3278. SHRI LALIT SURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a)the actual allotment of Kerosene for Uttar Pradesh during the last three years ending 31st December, 2005 with the criterion therefor;

(b)whether the State has requested the Centre to increase the quantity of Kerosene for the State and the reasons given for the same; and

(c)the action taken by the Centre thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHAJ. PATEL): (a) The quantity of PDS SKO allocated to the State of Uttar Pradesh during the last three years has been as under:—

Year		Quantity (In Metric Tonne)
2003-04	—	12,32,633
2004-05	—	12,11,485
2005-06	—	12,41,772

As per the policy adopted by the Government of India, the Kerosene (SKO) allocation for distribution under the Public Distribution System (PDS) to various States/Union Territories, including Uttar Prsdesh, was reduced every year beginning 2001-02 and upto 2004-05, taking into account the number of LPG connections released in each of the States/ Union Territories.

In view of the requests received from various State Governments for increasing the allocation, the Government of India have commissioned the first-ever detailed study of Kerosene demand in the country, through the National Council of Applied Economic Research (NCAER) in December, 2004.